

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on April 3, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 27, 3/31/2017  
Executive Action: HJ 27, SB 124, SB 226, SB 227, SB 242, SB 307

**HEARING ON HJ 27****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:16 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Requesting interim study of MUS governance structure.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:52 Rep. B. Bennett

00:05:25 Rep. Kelker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:57 Rep. Kelker

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 124**

00:07:28 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 124 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:07:43 Rep. Essmann

00:08:40 Rep. Funk

00:09:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:10:23 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 124 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion was without objection.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226**

00:11:05 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 226 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:11:17 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:11:35 Rep. Funk

00:11:49 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:12:14 Rep. Anderson

00:12:44 Rep. Curtis

00:13:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:13:53 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 226 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion was without objection.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 227**

00:14:13 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 227 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:14:20 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:14:45 Rep. Vinton

00:15:34 Rep. Schreiner

00:15:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Berglee, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Bachmeier will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 242**

00:17:32 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 242 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:17:45 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

00:18:02 Rep. Curtis

00:18:26 Rep. Funk

00:19:30 Rep. Anderson

00:20:08 Rep. Essmann

00:20:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Curtis, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Funk will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 307**

00:21:50 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 307 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:22:39 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 307 BE AMENDED**.

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**Discussion:**

00:22:52 Rep. Essmann

00:24:08 Chair Berglee

00:24:32 Rep. Funk

00:25:03 Rep. Essmann

00:25:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

00:25:38 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 307 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

00:25:49 Rep. Funk  
00:25:58 Rep. Essmann

00:27:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Essmann will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 27**

00:29:15 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HJ 27 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:29:25 Rep. Essmann  
00:31:26 Rep. Bachmeier  
00:31:59 Rep. B. Bennett  
00:32:30 Rep. Staffanson  
00:33:03 Rep. Vinton

00:33:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Beard voting no. Rep. G. Hertz voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:34:08

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh69aad.pdf](#))